

# REASONS

*Humbly proposed to the*

## High Court of Parliament,

*For the Reviving the Act for Transportation of LEATHER  
lately expired.*

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1. **F**OR that the good ends by the said Act intended were in great measure effected, namely the breeding and feeding of Cattel was encouraged, and Rents and value of Lands were improved, inasmuch as Raw Hides yielded a Noble at least *per Hide* one with another more than formerly they had done; and Calve-Skins 6 s. *per dozen*, and Bark more than double the price in some places, and generally exceeded a third part, whereby computation may be made, that if 20 Acres of Land fed 20 Cattle, there was advanced a noble an Acre by the value of Hides, besides a proportionable encrease by the value of Calves-Skins, and in reference to Bark a considerable advance of Wood-ground; All which Improvements upon a just estimate could not but amount throughout the Realm to a vast sum *per Annum*.

2. For that the plenty of Leather is greater, and the expence of Tann'd-Leather less in this Realm, in this Age, than in any former, a third part of Beasts being slaughtered more by the Non-observance of Lent and Fish-days than formerly, and a third part less of Leather being spent by the disuse of walking Boots, and one half of the Shooes that are now worn being made up of Allum-Leather, and Foreign Leather, and Cloth, and other materials. Besides, riding Furniture for Horse and Man, by reason of the great use of Stage-Coaches, makes nothing the Consumption of Leather as formerly it did, and yet by the draining of Fens many 1000 head of Cattel are bred and fed amongst us more than heretofore.

3. For that made Wares during the seven years of transportation allowed by the aforesaid Act, were as cheap as before or since they have been, and Workmen were as well employed, At least the odds of price and in Workmen, cannot in any wise ballance the advantages that otherwise accrue to the Realm.

4. For that the ill consequences of the strict prohibition of transporting Leather by a former Act of this Parliament were presently felt by a glut of the Commodity at home, and by the sinking of the value of Raw Hides and Bark, and Calve-Skins, and consequently by the fall of Rents and of his Majesties Customs, and thereby the late Act for Transportation was thought fit to be made, which prevented the burying of many thousand Skins that otherwise would not have answered the charge of dressing them.

5. For that the vend of Leather in made Wares in Foreign Parts, cannot take off any considerable part of the Commodity, nor will it sell in made Wares as formerly, for that his Majesties Plantations that took off most of the said Wares, have now Artificers of their own, and may be supplied with Leather from *Ireland* and other parts. And this was manifested during the five years restraint of Transportation by the aforesaid Act, and since the Prorogation of the Parliament Leather is advanced in *Ireland* a fifth penny. Besides Leather is generally transported where Wares are not allowed to come.

6. For that at the last Sessions of Parliament the Committee of the House of Commons, to whom the Bill for continuing the said Act for Transportation of Leather was referred, after several hearings of all Sides, was satisfied, that nothing material was or could be objected against Transportation, and upon the Report of the said Committee the said Bill passed the said House, and was sent up to the House of Peers, and had past into an Act had not the sudden Prorogation of the Parliament intervened.